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COMMISSARY CLOSED FOURTH OF JULY

The commissary and mini commissary will be closed Wednesday due to the holiday. The shoppette will be open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Normal hours will resume Thursday.

30TH MEDICAL GROUP CLOSURES FOR HOLIDAY

In observance of the Fourth of July, the 30th Medical Group's 'One Stop Health Shop' medical inprocessing will be held at the next scheduled briefing July 18 at 7:30 a.m. in the medical group auditorium. For more information, call 1st Lt. Kevin Staples at 605-2335.

2ND SLS CHANGES COMMAND JULY 9

Lt. Col. James Hyatt III will relinquish command of the 2nd Space Launch Squadron to Lt. Col. Clinton Crosier at 10 a.m., July 9 in front of Space Launch Complex-3. Call Capt. Michelle Holland at 605-4712 for information.

PARTY HONORS NEW CHIEF, NCO'S

Col. Robert M. Worley, 30th Space Wing commander, invites all base members to welcome Chief Master Sgt. Michael Morey as the new wing command chief July 6 at 3:30 p.m. in the Pacific Coast Club. The welcome will be held in conjunction with the monthly promotion recognition and NCO induction ceremonies.

AIRMAN APPRECIATION BARBECUE JULY 13

All E-4s and below and their families are invited to a FREE barbecue at Cocheo Park July 13, from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. This event is sponsored by the Lompoc Valley Chamber of Commerce Military Aerospace Committee, local merchants, and the Non-commissioned Officers Association. For more information, contact a first sergeant.

POV OWNERS MUST TURN IN VEHICLE TAGS

Base personnel and retirees are reminded, that they are required to remove and surrender all Department of Defense and Air Force Vehicle Registration Identification from their vehicles if they become disqualified for Air Force private vehicle registration, if registration privileges are terminated or revoked, or if the vehicle is sold. For information, call 606-1853.

AFA HOLDS CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Air Force Association Robert H. Goddard Chapter will hold its 32nd Annual AFA Charity Golf Tournament July 20 at Marshallia Ranch Golf Course. For information, call Dick Kline at 733-0720.

The independence we celebrate every fourth of July is paid for with the blood of millions of soldiers, sailors, marines and airmen. It's fitting that we ask ourselves ...



What Price Freedom?

BY SHANNON DOSCHER

Faith Christian High School, Yuba City, CA

Editor's note: Doscher, a sophomore, read this essay during the retirement ceremony of a master sergeant at Beale AFB, Calif. Her essay won the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States 2000-2001 Voice of Democracy Program contest. This is run unedited with her permission.

July 1944: "Mother, you said you were sick," said Franklin Sousley. "I want you to stay out of that field and look real pretty when I come home. You can grow a crop of tobacco every summer, but I can't grow another mother like you."

Franklin Sousley was the last flag-raiser to die on Iwo Jima. On March 21, 1945, Franklin Sousley joined his 25,850 fallen comrades on the blood drenched rock that was Iwo Jima, Japan.

Out of the six proud men chosen to raise the American flag on that killing field, only three returned home.

Truth. Honor. Justice. Freedom.

Everything has a price, though it may not be paid in gold or silver, its cost can't be overlooked by any stretch of the imagination.

Purchased with the lives of our fathers, how could one take for granted something so pure and fragile; something that is as much a part of us as the air we breathe? It balances on a sliver of glass and with no more force than that of a whisper, could shatter into nothing.

We are the land of the free, the home of the brave ... but at what cost?

William Harvard once stated that, "The greatest glory of a free-born people is to transmit that freedom to their children."

But what right have we to that freedom? We are but heirs to that fortune. That fortune which belongs to those who fought for it, and still fight for it. Those who came home heroes and those who never came home at all.

How can we continue this masquerade, pretending to be worthy of such a gift as freedom? The dying soldiers screaming for their mothers

as they lay in wait of death in a roaring battle; the wounded dragging their friends, their comrades, their brothers across a sea of carnage and adrenaline rich blood ... and we say that the freedom for which they died should be ours to have with no cost to us? No. We do not deserve such a precious gift as that which those men have given us.

Should we not then rejoice that we have it and treasure every moment of that freedom? The price of freedom has been paid for us, but we must decide at what cost its safekeeping must be. At what cost will we take a stand to ensure the freedom of our nation, one nation under God, will stay that way?

This is the land of the free and the home of the brave, and we must pay any price freedom asks of us. We must ensure when those dead and gone look down on us, they will see what they fought for ... freedom and a people willing to retain it at any cost; at the same cost.

They will see their land; a land with liberty, justice and freedom for all.

Former MAFB Red Horse shirt joins Team V

BY MASTER SGT. TYLER D. FOSTER
 30th Space Wing Public Affairs

The 30th Space Wing commander will welcome the wing's new command chief master sergeant during an informal ceremony at 3:30 p.m. July 6 in the Pacific Coast Club.

Chief Master Sgt. Michael E. Morey steps into the wing's top enlisted position, succeeding Chief Master Sgt. Paul F. Krim who retired Thursday after 27 years of service.

"I can't tell you how pleased I am to have Chief Morey joining Team Vandenberg," said Col. Robert M. Worley II, 30th SW commander. "He has a real sense for the troops."

Morey entered the Air Force in April 1978. During his career, he has worked in the security police, personnel and first sergeant career fields.

The command chief graduated from Southern Illinois University with a bachelor's degree in workforce education, training and development. He also holds a Community College of the Air Force associate's degree in security and personnel administration.

Morey is also a graduate of the U.S. Air Force Senior NCO Academy at Gunter Annex, Ala.

The chief comes to Vandenberg from Malmstrom AFB, Mont., where he was the first sergeant for the 819th Red Horse Squadron.

He's called Malmstrom home for 12 of his 23 years in the Air Force. His other assignments include tours in New Mexico, Michigan, Turkey, and the United Kingdom.

Included among the chief's decorations are the Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters, the Air Force Commendation Medal, the Air Force Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster, the Joint Meritorious Unit Citation and the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with nine oak leaf clusters.

Ceremony honors America's heritage

BY MASTER SGT. YVES JOHNSON

Vandenberg Honor Guard, NCO in charge

Our nation is made proud and distinguished by the men and women who have served under its banner, the flag of the United States of America.

America's history overflows with accounts of our brothers and sisters who, under arms, dedicated themselves, their efforts, and their very lives to the defense of our nation.

In each account, our flag waves proudly amid the smoke and danger of battle, announcing the presence of the defenders of liberty.

The flag folding ceremony represents the same religious principles upon which our country was founded. The portion of the flag denoting honor is the canton of blue containing the stars representing states our veterans served in uniform. The canton field of blue dresses from left to right and is inverted only when draped as a pall on a casket of a veteran who has served our country honorably in uniform. In the armed forces of the United States, at the ceremony of retreat the flag is lowered, folded in a triangle, kept under watch throughout the night as a tribute to our nations honored dead. The next morning it is brought out, and at the ceremony of reveille, run aloft as a symbol of our belief in the resurrection of the body.

The first fold of our flag is the symbol of life.

The second fold is a symbol of our belief in the eternal life.

The third fold is made in honor and remembrance of the veteran departing our ranks who gave a portion of life for the defense of our country to attain peace throughout the world.

The fourth fold represents our weaker nature; for peace as American citizens trusting in god, it is to him we turn in times of peace as well as in times of war for his divine guidance.

The fifth fold is a tribute to our country, for in the words of Steven Decatur.... "Our country, in dealing with the other countries, may she always be right; but it is still our country right or wrong."

The sixth fold is for where our hearts lie. It is with our hearts that we pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation, under god, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

The seventh fold is a tribute to our armed forces, for it is through the armed forces that we protect our country and our flag against all her enemies, whether they be found within or without the boundaries of our republic.

The eighth fold is a tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day.

The ninth fold is a tribute to womanhood, for it has been through their faith, love, loyalty and devotion that the character of the men and women who have made this country great has been molded.

The tenth fold is a tribute to the father, for he too, has given of his sons and daughters for the defense of our country since she

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STAFF SGT. MICHAEL BURTAS

Combat camera crewmembers 'shoot' a Vandenberg launch from a 76th Helicopter Squadron UH-1N Huey. The 30th

Communications Squadron was recognized as the best communications squadron in AFSPC.

Unit wins best in command

BY 2ND LT. MIKE J. TKACZ

30th Space Wing Public Affairs

The 30th Communications Squadron took possession of the Lt. Gen. Winston D. Powers award for Best Small Communications Unit in AFSPC on May 30.

The award, previously just a plaque, has been presented for several years. This is the first year it has been given a name and is attached to a larger memento.

"Winning the new award is more than an honor, considering that we were able to win it the first year that it's called the Powers award," said Lt. Col. Brad K. Ashley, 30th CS commander.

The 20-pound trophy is decorative with various symbols that are reflective of the Air Force pride and heritage it represents.

As the first leader of the Space Communications Division at its inception in 1983, Powers became the predecessor to a long line of AFSPC directors of communica-

tions and information.

The current director, Brig. Gen. Dale Meyerrose, said the new trophy is due.

"This award has been around but with no name or heritage attached to it," Meyerrose said. "We wanted to link our heritage to where we came from and where we're going."

In addition, the 30th CS won an unprecedented seven command-level annual Communications and Information Awards for Excellence.

These awards recognize the organizations and people working in the communications and information fields.

"This is the most awards ever received by the 30th Communications Squadron," Ashley said.

Some of the activities that contributed to the squadron's success include the production of more than 65 videos.

This includes "Ecstasy-The End of the Dream," the No. 1 mili-

tary documentary nomination for the International Italian Film Festival. The video also won the Oscar-equivalent Telly Award.

Other notable accomplishments include: supporting worldwide combat camera mobility taskings, video, website and photo support for Guardian Challenge 2000, and the documentation of START treaty inspections.

Given that the squadron is only manned at 55 percent, Ashley credits good leadership and solid teamwork as the driving factors for his squadron's success.

"I have never before witnessed an organization accomplish as much as the 30th Communications Squadron within one year," he said.

"These are the best people I've had the pleasure of working with since I became an Air Force member back in 1979," he added.

(AFSPC Public Affairs contributed to this article)

30th Weather Squadron's weekend forecast Today

Low/High **47/71**

Saturday Low/High **47/73**

Sunday Low/High **47/75**

Visit the 30th Weather Squadron's website at www.vandenberg.af.mil/30sw/organizations/30og/weather/weather_index.html to get a five-day forecast.



Commander's Action Line

Mission success is our top priority, and the talented men and women of Team Vandenberg get it done with excellence. Key to the effectiveness of any great team is good communication. The 30th Space Wing Commander's Action Line is your direct communication link to me. It provides an avenue for you to voice your concerns, share constructive ideas, or give your Vandenberg teammates a pat on the back. I appreciate your input, and I am personally involved in every response.

Col. Robert M. Worley II
Commander,
30th Space Wing

While the Commander's Action Line is a great way to communicate, don't forget there are many other avenues to get answers to your questions including your chain of command, first sergeants, base services officials, and many other base professionals.

Thanks for helping to make Vandenberg such a great place to work and live. When calling the action line, please leave your name and phone number.

Handy phone numbers

EMERGENCY.....	911
Information.....	411
Poison control.....	800-876-4766
Clinic appointments.....	606-4077
Healthwise line.....	888-252-3299
TRICARE services.....	800-242-6788
Law enforcement.....	606-3300
Housing maintenance.....	734-5586
Child Development Center.....	606-1555
MPF customer service.....	606-7756
Visitor control center.....	606-7662
Fitness center.....	606-3832
Chaplain (after hours).....	606-9961
Red Cross (duty hours).....	606-1855
Red Cross (after hours).....	800-660-4272
EOD (duty hours).....	605-1375
EOD (after hours).....	606-9961
Pest Control.....	606-1936
Base operator.....	606-1110
Public tours.....	606-3595

Comment

Make safety a mindset

By COL. ROBERT M. WORLEY II
30th Space Wing commander

During commander's call last week, I encouraged everyone to make safety a mindset. It takes a lot of focus, common sense and operational risk management to achieve this goal, but once attained, it becomes a habit and way of thinking that infuses everything we do.

Recently, Maj. Gen. Timothy A. Peppe, Air Force chief of safety, urged people to be safe on and off the job, especially while driving.

According to statistics, the Air Force entered the 101 Critical Days of Summer this year with its worst pre-summer performance since 1997—this year 37 airmen have lost their lives because of ground mishaps.

We are fortunate, Team Vandenberg hasn't lost a single person this year, and we need your safety mindset to keep it that way.

The upward trend in Air Force losses points to off-duty motor vehicle deaths, which rose an astounding 32 percent from last year. The leading causes continue to be drinking



while driving, not wearing seatbelts, excessive speed for conditions, and traffic law violations. This is why you'll hear me, your commanders and shirts hitting these themes hard—if we get one more person to buckle up, then it'll be worth it.

One need only review any base's mishap statistics to know that sports and recreation injuries are still rampant—especially during the summer months. Even though the fatalities for sports and recreation are down significantly this year from previous years, the Air Force did suffer three fatalities before the summer 101-day period even began. Secretary of Defense William S. Cohen said, "Even one accident is too many, and I will advocate continuous improvement until we reach a goal of zero accidents, occupational illnesses, and fires. This is an ambitious goal, but to endorse any other goal legitimizes the acceptance of harm."

Let's continue to educate our people, at all levels up and down the Team Vandenberg chain, so that our summer, and the months and years ahead remain safe and enjoyable. We've enjoyed a great legacy of successes and accomplishments here at Vandenberg, and if we make safety a mindset we can all enjoy a well-earned, fun and safe summer.

Leaders send holiday message

July 4, 1776, marked an extraordinary turning point in history. The Declaration of Independence adopted by the Continental Congress was, and still is, a revolutionary step in governance. It focused on the good of the individual as well as the good of society. More than 225 years later, those revolutionary ideas continue to flourish on this globe.

The American Revolution was based on the founding fathers' vision of liberty – one in which they placed all their trust and their very lives.

Their courage has inspired countless Americans to serve



our country in public life and the armed services to build this great nation.

We owe a debt to all those who have gone before us for their sacrifices for our freedom.

To each and every military member and civilian on duty around the world, we salute you. We are proud to serve with you, as together we protect and preserve the extraordinary freedoms won by those who have gone before us.

Signed,
James G. Roche, secretary of the Air Force
and
Gen. Michael E. Ryan, Air Force chief of staff

U.S. Flag represents today's rights, privileges, freedoms

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was first born.

The eleventh fold, in the eyes of the Hebrew citizen, represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon and glorifies, in their eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

The twelfth fold, in the eyes of the Christian citizen, represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies, in their eyes, god the father, the son and the holy spirit.

The thirteenth and final fold signifies the original 13 colonies upon which this great nation was founded.

We fold from the stripes to the stars, for, whereas the stripes represent the thirteen original colonies that founded our republic, they

are now embodied in the fifty sovereign states represented by the stars, which cover the stripes.

When the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost, reminding us of our national motto, "In God we trust."

After the flag is completely folded and tucked in, it takes on the appearance of a cocked hat, ever reminding us of the soldiers who served under Gen. George Washington and the sailors and marines who served under Capt. John Paul Jones who were followed by their comrades and shipmates in the armed forces of the United States. Preserving for us the rights, privileges and the freedoms we enjoy today.



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Summer fun increases threat of heat illness

By STAFF SGT. JULIE N. LUCIA
30th Weather Squadron

Summer is here and so is the desire to be outdoors. Although Vandenberg is normally cool and breezy, prolonged periods of sun and heat can take a toll on health.

Heat stress may not sound serious, but if signs are ignored they may lead to a serious condition known as heat stroke.

The signs of heat stress are simple to recognize: cramps, dizziness, confusion, sudden lack of sweating, and headache.

Sweating is the body's primary cooling mechanism.

Without sweat, the body's temperature can rise quickly causing heatstroke.

The effects of heat stress are treatable.

If people are experiencing heat stress symptoms they should stop, rest and drink plenty of fluids. If close to a body of water, such as a stream or lake, it's a good idea to take a few minutes and wade in the shallow water to cool down.

If the symptoms continue to worsen or persist, individuals should seek medical attention immediately.

Prevention is the best way to avoid heat-related illnesses.

People need to plan ahead when heading outdoors. Select lightweight, lightly-colored clothing. Wear a hat, lip balm, and strong sun block, minimum of sun protection factor 30.

Experts recommend drinking plenty of water. Drink up to one-third more water than thirst dictates. Avoid sugary and caffeinated drinks, as they tend to dehydrate the body.



Senior Airman Ed J. Braly, 30th Communications Squadron, pauses to cool off. Sweating is the body's primary cooling mechanism. Without sweat, body temperature can skyrocket causing heatstroke.

Sports drinks, such as Gatorade or natural fruit juices are all right, but water is best.

Eat often by choosing small meals or snacks. A handful of raisins provides a healthy snack and they're a great source of energy.

People should give their body regular breaks and stay within realistic physical limits.

If this is a first outing of the

season, remember to pace it and let the body adjust.

Above all people need to listen to their bodies. No one is immune from heat-related illnesses.

It is important for everyone to know how to prevent, recognize, and if necessary, treat heat-related illnesses. Someday, this knowledge may save the life of a loved-one.

Failure to control dogs on base leads to painful consequences for owners, victims

By LORI LINE
30th Security Forces Squadron

Vandenberg has had 12 reported dog bites since January 2000.

When that's compared to the 1,382 dogs registered on the base by the U.S. Army Veterinary Clinic, it seems like a small number.

However, given the fact that 66 percent of those bites involved children who received injuries ranging from superficial marks to gashes requiring stitches, the issue becomes more serious.

Wing instructions stipulate that dog owners have the sole responsibility for controlling their animals.

Dogs may be removed from Vandenberg for:

- ◆ One bite or serious incident
 - ◆ Being stray three times in one year
 - ◆ Not being registered
 - ◆ Overdue vaccinations
 - ◆ Property destruction
 - ◆ Public nuisance or disturbance
- Base residents may also be directed

to vacate quarters if their pets are involved in three or more incidents.

Owners must have their pets under physical control at all times. A suitable leash, a chain that doesn't allow contact with anyone on sidewalks, an enclosed yard, a kennel, or cage, or keeping the dog in the house are all acceptable forms of physical control.

The road to reduced dog bites doesn't end with the dog owner.

Parents must control their children and ensure they don't provoke dogs into biting or scratching.

A broad-ranging topic, provocation can include everything from throwing rocks and sticks at a dog to climbing on a fence that encloses a dog.

Children should also be taught not to approach dogs they don't know and to ask the owner's permission before petting a dog.

The base vet clinic has a pamphlet available entitled "Don't Worry We Won't Bite" provided by State Farm Insurance, the Insurance Information

Institute, and the American Veterinary Medical Association.

The pamphlet gives tips on how to avoid being attacked or bitten by a dog. Some examples of these are:

- ◆ Don't run past a dog—they're natural chasers.
- ◆ If a dog threatens, remain calm and still—don't scream.
- ◆ If knocked to the ground by a dog, curl into a ball and protect the head and face.

For more information on dog behavior, training and how to teach children proper behavior around dogs, visit the American Kennel Club website at www.akc.org and the Humane Society of the United States at www.hsus.org.

Teaching your pets and your children the proper behaviors is a positive step toward preventing the pain and trauma of a dog bite and avoiding the heartache of having to give up a pet.

For more information about wing instructions, contact police services at 605-0797.

Nurse triage streamlines treatment, improves care

By CAPT. JEAN EAGLETON
30th Medical Group

Whether booking a same-day appointment or one within 24 hours, the 30th Medical

Group is focused on providing Team Vandenberg quality health care.

Now, nurse triage is another tool in the quest for quality health services.

The medical group's registered nurses are trained and certified to provide telephone health care assessments and standardized advice to Team Vandenberg patients.

During triage, the nurses interact with patients to determine their problem.

Using nursing and telephone assessments, and advice guidelines, base nurses use clinical judgment to determine the urgency of a patient's problem.

Then the nurse will direct the patient to the appropriate level of care.

The guidelines are divided into

five sections: adult assessment, pediatric assessment, teaching, appendix and resources.

Each section of the guidelines has an alphabetized and cross-referenced index that allows the RN to efficiently identify the appropriate care.

The nurses reference key terms throughout the guidelines to determine the patient's level of treatment.

Using the key terms, nurses advise a range of health-care options

ranging from home to emergency care.

In addition to nurse triage, the TRICARE Health Care Information Line is available to provide health-care advice, regardless of the patient's location.

Nurse triage and the information line provide beneficial services to patients at civilian medical facilities across the nation.

For more information, call the family practice clinic nurse manager at 605-8254.



Telephone assessment benefits

- ◆ Nursing telephone assessments and advice bring many benefits to Team Vandenberg's health-care system.
- ◆ Quick access: rather than waiting for the next available appointment, patients have quicker access to health care via the telephone.
- ◆ Convenient: health care is only a phone call away at 605-8254.
- ◆ Efficient: if the nurse determines that self care is appropriate, duty time isn't wasted on a clinic appointment.
- ◆ Parent-friendly: when family members are ill, parents don't have to leave their homes or arrange day care for young children to receive health care.



Team Vandenberg Spotlight

Name: Robert L. Downing

Assignment: 30th Transportation Squadron command vehicle operator training instructor

Hometown: Santa Maria, Calif.

Time on Vandenberg: 22 years

Hobbies: Coin collecting, making arrowheads, weightlifting and woodworking.

Philosophy: "Take your time and safety comes first." Co-worker's comments: "Bob is a fun and patient guy," said Airman 1st Class Julianne M. Lujan, 30th TRNS vehicle operator. "I was having trouble with backing vehicles up and he took two extra days just to help me so I would pass the test!"



SENIOR AIRMAN STEVE D. SCHESTER

Row, row, row your boat

Justin Taylor and Brionna Ruff paddle their kayaks across Pine Canyon Lake during a

youth center sponsored class which taught children to kayak June 19.

576th FLTS hosts 100-mile charity bike ride

By MASTER SGT. KENNETH H. LUCIA
392nd Training Squadron

■ The 576th Flight Test Squadron recently held its 23rd annual 100-mile charity bike ride to Lake Lopez near Arroyo Grande. This year's ride raised more than \$1,200.

Since the ride's inception, the 576th has raised more than \$43,000. The monies raised are split equally between Operation Kid's Christmas and Project Good Neighbor. The Vandenberg First Sergeants Association runs both charities.

Tech. Sgt. Mike T. Savard and Senior Airman Aimee L. Dacus organized this year's ride.

Each of the event's 20 participants paid \$50 to ride in the two-day, overnight event. Another 14 people provided road and camp support, setting up campsites and cooking meals.

While the 576th's fundraiser brought in much-needed funds for the charities, individual or group contributions are always welcome and greatly appreciated. To contribute to Operation Kids Christmas, call Capt. Robert Thorne at 606-3139.

U.S. Saving Bonds campaign extends to July



■ The annual payroll U.S. Savings bond campaign started June 1 and runs through July.

Members can learn more about U.S. Saving Bonds on the U.S. Department of Treasury website at www.savingsbonds.gov.

The Air Force's payroll plan for savings bonds offers an automatic method for saving for future financial security.

People can start a bond with as little as \$5 per pay period.

To sign up for a bond, call Maj. John Riggins, U.S. Savings Bonds installation project officer, at 606-9750 or talk to a unit representative.

For more information about savings bonds, visit the website at www.savingsbonds.gov.

Military personnel flight upgrades computer system

By DAVID R. IMMEL

30th Mission Support Squadron

■ The Air Force is currently transitioning the personnel database from a four-decade old system to the 21st century.

The 30th Mission Support Squadron Military Personnel Flight joined the rest of the MPFs in the Air Force June 4 by switching to a commercial off the shelf Oracle database.

The new system has had a few bugs. This has effected the use of PC-III in orderly rooms and the capability to perform routine updates. Additionally, numerous personnel-related tasks within the MPF have been affected.

What does this mean to customers?

A few of the problems such as requests for enlisted performance reports and officer performance reports have been delayed.

Requesting a decorations list is also being delayed until the interface with PC-III is up and working properly.

Selective reenlistment bonuses may be delayed as well. The MPF career enhancement section is keeping a close tab on all SRB's to ensure

nothing falls through and members get their entitlements.

For commanders and other base agencies who have access to ALPHA rosters and other personnel information, the 30th MSS is in the process of "reinventing the wheel" with a new database retrieval system called Discoverer.

Once personnel systems managers get up to speed, individuals will start receiving the products again. There are a few completed, but the bottom line is there are more than 900 different products, so this will take some time.

Headquarters Air Force Personnel Command is working around the clock to smooth out the kinks and bring this system to full operational capability.

The mission support squadron is hoping everything will be up and running by early next week.

"Once fully operational we will be able to respond more efficiently and accurately to the customer's needs," said Maj. Lee A. Shick, 30th Mission Support Squadron.



BY TIM PAVAK

Back in the silo

A 90-ton launcher door opens as missile maintenance team members prepare to place an inactive Minuteman II missile in the silo. The silo and its launch-control facility, located near Wall, S.D., are being

turned into a Minuteman National Historic Site honoring Americans who fought and won the Cold War from bunkers deep within the soil of America's heartland. The National Park Service should open the site to the public in 2004.

S 30th Services

Vandenberg Information, Tickets & Tours



DODGERS vs MARINERS

July 8, \$45 per person
(Children must be of school age)



July 21, \$35 (transportation only)

Buy your discount ticket at VITT in the Services Center Building: \$28.50 Adults, \$25.50 Children 6-11 years.

Call VITT at 606-7976 for more information.



NEWS

VANDENBERG YOUTH SUMMER Sports Program

Registrations is Monday through Friday 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Youth Center. The youth sports program believes in introducing children to team sports at a young age. This season our program has been modified to meet the ability and maturity of the players participating. With this in mind we run a 5-year-old league in most of our season sports programs. Soccer players must be 5-years old by Aug. 1 and will be placed on teams of only 5-year olds. For more information call 606-2152.

YOUTH BASKETBALL CLINIC

Basketball fundamentals offered to improve the skills of your game for youth 8-13 years.

Location: Youth Center gym
Registration: Monday through July 13 for players going into 3rd-9th grade

Clinic Date: July 16 - 20
Cost: \$15 per player (\$10 for youth center members)

YOUTH SOFTBALL CLINIC

Fundamentals of fast pitch softball. Girls 8-14 years.

Location: youth softball field # 1
Registration: Monday through July 22 for players 8-13 years

Clinic Date: July 23 - 27
Cost: \$15 per player (\$10 for youth center members)

YOUTH BASEBALL CLINIC

Baseball fundamental skills for players 8-12 years.

Location: youth baseball fields
Registration: Monday through July 27 for players 8-12 years

Clinic Date: July 30 - Aug 3
Cost: \$15 per player (\$10 for youth center members)

YOUTH SOCCER CLINIC

Get your kicks from soccer this summer. Soccer fundamental skills for players 8-13 years.

Location: youth soccer fields
Registration: Monday through Aug 3 for players 8-14 years

Clinic Date: Aug 6 - 10
Cost: \$15 per player (\$10 for youth center members)

All programs dates, times and age groupings are subject to adjustment depending on the amount of volunteer support and players interest. (These clinics are nonrefundable.)

OUTDOOR REC

KERN RIVER RAFTING TRIP - July 7 OR 8. Sign up by July 3. \$55 per person. Minimum age, 16 years. **ATWIND EVENT!**

FITNESS CENTER

TRIATHLON is COMING! Start training now for August 11 5K run, 20K bike, 400m swim! Registration deadline, July 23. Call the Fitness Center for more information, 606-3832. **ATWIND EVENT!**

GOLF

WEDNESDAY - RED, WHITE & BLUE 4-CLUB TOURNAMENT Tournament fee includes BBQ lunch immediately after play. Shotgun start, 7:30 a.m. Select your group and sign up in Pro Shop by 5 p.m. Sunday.

SWIMMING

DIVE-IN MOVIE NIGHT - Friday, 7:30-9:30 p.m. \$2 per person, includes popcorn and a soda. Call 606-3581 for more information.

YOUTH WATER POLO - Session II, Monday through July 20 for boys and girls ages 8-14. Classes are M-W-F, 6:15-7:15 p.m.

WEDNESDAY - 4th OF JULY DAY SWIM 12-5 p.m. Cost: \$2 active duty and age 15 and older, \$1 for age 14 and younger.

BOWLING

The **Bowling Center Snack Bar** will be **CLOSED** July 4. The Bowling Center will be open with 'Thunder Alley' and 'Rock 300' for the base-wide July 4th picnic to be held outside the center. Cost is \$2 per bowler including shoes (per hour) from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

EVERY FRIDAY - 'Eat & Bowl' special for July, 5 p.m. until closing. Cheeseburger, fries, beverage and three bowling games, including rental shoes for \$7 per person.

SPECIAL AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM is being offered for July and August for school-age youth. Cost: \$15. Youth may bowl from opening to 5 p.m. for 50¢ per game. Call 734-1310 for more details.

BOWLING CENTER - will be closed Sundays until September 2.

LIBRARY

BOOK-A-TRIP SUMMER READING PROGRAM For ages 4 to 16. Fun! Adventure! Excitement! Registration ends July 28. Call 606-6414 for information. **This is an ATWIND EVENT!**



Located at the Services Center

STYLES of MASSAGE available:

- Swedish Massage
 - Deep Tissue Massage
- by appointment

Gift Certificates are available!

Call Mary 605-4748 or 717-9088

The Youth Center invites YOU to a performance of **CHILDRENS' CREATIVE PROJECTS**

Monday, 1-3 p.m. presenting...

July 23, **MAGIC SHOW** with Mark Collier
July 30, **AFRICAN DANCE** Admission is FREE!!!



ATWIND 4th of July Picnic!

Bowling center lawn area!
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Bring the entire family!
Fun activities for EVERYONE!

FOOD

Barbecue hamburgers and hotdogs (\$1)

Barbecue chicken (\$2)

All plates include chips, beans and drink will be served between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

ROCK 300! • THUNDER ALLEY!

Cost per bowler, including shoes, is \$2 per hour from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Drinks! Games! Clowns!
Bounce Castle! Dunk Tank!
Volleyball! Tug-of-War!
Carnival Games! Relays!

Face Painting! Water Balloons!

Prizes! Giveaways!

ATWIND Game Pieces ALL DAY!

Stop by and see one of our sponsors at their booth and get an ATWIND game piece!

GAMES

For more information, contact ATWIND Headquarters, 605-8974 or Services Marketing, 606-0276.

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at these activities!

ONGOING EVENTS • June 1 - August 31

You can get an ATWIND game piece by participating in a number of base activities. For a detailed list of these events, go to www.30svs.com and click on the ATWIND ADVERTISEMENT!!

THIS WEEK'S PLACES TO PLAY:

- Friday-Friday- ATWIND Golf Day, all day!
Lunch at the Pacific Coast Club, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Saturday-Saturday-Saturday- Youth Bowling at the Bowling Center, all day!
Youth Golf at Marshallia Ranch, all day!
Skills Auto Hobby Shop, all day!
- Monday-Monday- Airmen E-4 and below, Bowling Day, Bowling Center, all day!
ATWIND Fitness Day, Fitness Center, all day! (minimum 30 min. workout)
- Monday-Monday-Monday-Monday- Newcomers Spouse Orientation, PC Club, 8 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
Canada Day Breakfast, Breakers & AETC, 5-8 a.m.
Water Aerobics, Base Pool, 11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
Lunch at the Pacific Coast Club, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Tuesday-Tuesday-Tuesday- Lunch at the Bowling Center, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
Stress Management Class, at the HAWC, 2-4 p.m.
Family Night, Pacific Coast Club, 6-8 p.m.
- Wednesday- ATWIND PICNIC! Bowling Center Lawn, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
- Thursday-Thursday-Thursday-Thursday- ATWIND Bowl Day at the Bowling Center, all day!
Skills - Arts & Crafts, all day!
Lunch at the Golf Course, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
Box Aerobics, Services Center, 12-12:45 p.m.
Catholic Bible Study, Old Religious Ed Bldg., 7 p.m.
- July 6- ATWIND Golf Day, all day!

Play ATWIND by logging onto atwind.com or call 1-888-597-9960.

Team Vandenberg members bring home top awards

■ The men and women of team Vandenberg were recognized for mission and personal excellence in 2000, winning a variety of Air Force, Department of Defense and Air Force Space Command awards.

"I see an enormous amount of pride in the base, our mission and the Air Force," said Col. Robert M. Worley II, 30th Space Wing commander. "When you consider the overwhelming number of individual and organizational awards we've won, it really is no surprise the 30th Space Wing won the Moorman trophy as the best overall wing in Air Force Space Command," he said.

"Each member working his or her hardest for our mission makes for an unbeatable team. What can I say, we're just that good."

2000 AIR FORCE AWARDS

Air Force Design Award for chapel II interior
30th Civil Engineer Squadron engineering flight

Air Force design award for visitor's center
30th CES, engineering flight

Air Force Design citation award for dormitory master plan
30th CES engineering flight

General Thomas D. White award for cultural resources management team excellence
30th CES environmental flight

General Thomas D. White award for environmental quality award for overall program excellence
30th CES environmental flight

Air Force Outstanding New Writer
Master Sgt. Tyler Foster,
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

National Military Family Association's Very Important Patriot Award
Master Sgt. Mark Long,
30th Mission Support Squadron

Air Force Bioenvironmental Engineer Senior NCO of the Year
Master Sgt. Kevin Reid,
30th Aeromedical-Dental Squadron

Air Force Air Operations Officer of the Year
Capt. Thomas Schmidt,
30th Operations Support Squadron

Air Force Retiree Council, Volunteer of the Year
Navy Commander Earl Gustafson, retired
Vandenberg Retiree Activity Office volunteer and *Retiree Times* editor

Air Force Financial Management Quality Assurance Manager of the Year
Tech. Sgt. Vincent J. Pfoser III,
30th Comptroller Squadron

Air Force's Audit Project Team of the Year
Debra S. Pelky,
30th CPTS

Air Force Runner-up Financial Analysis Civilian of the Year
Brenda K. Anderson,
30th CPTS

Air Force Junior Military Training Leader of the Year
Tech. Sgt. James Pfost,
381st Training Group

Air Force communications and information awards Company Grade Officer of the Year
Capt. Samantha Ray,
30th Communications Squadron

Visual Information Enlisted Member of the Year
Senior Airman Suzanne Jenkins,
30th CS

Air Force Environmental Quality Award (industrial)
Vandenberg Air Force Base

Air Force Cultural Resources Management Award (individual/team excellence)
Vandenberg Air Force Base



Senior Airman Suzanne Jenkins, 30th Communications Squadron
Air Force Visual Information Enlisted Member of the Year

Department of Defense Health Access to care Award
30th Medical Group

Air Force Space Command Spirit of Hope Award
Senior Airman Eryn McConnell,
30th Medical Operations Squadron

AFSPC Supply Manager of the Year
Maj. John Riggins,
30th Supply Flight commander

AFSPC Senior Supply Technician of the Year
Tech. Sgt. Terrence Mosely,
30th Supply Flight

AFSPC Senior Fuels Technician of the Year
Tech. Sgt. John Span IV,
30th Supply Flight

AFSPC Supply Superintendent of the Year
Senior Master Sgt. Rayfield Covington,
30th Supply Flight

AFSPC Junior Supply Manager of the Year
Michael Taaffe,
30th Supply Flight

AFSPC 2001 National IMAGE Inc. Meritorious award
Master Sgt. Eladio Mercado,
30th MDG

AFSPC 2000 National IMAGE Inc. Meritorious Award
Master Sgt. Nola Veazie,
30th MDG

Air Force Missile Safety Plaque
30th Space Wing Safety

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AFSPC Inspector General professional Team Award
30th Space Wing Mission Flight Control Center

Best test team in AFSPC
576th Flight Test Squadron

AFSPC Company Grade Officer of the Year
Capt. Jeffery Kelman,
14th Air Force

AFSPC Outstanding Paralegal Airman of the Year
Tech. Sgt. Christine Treat,
14th Air Force

Telly Award for "Ecstasy-the end of the dream"
International award for video production, equivalent to an Oscar
30th Communications Squadron

AFSPC Small business achievement award
Small and Disadvantaged business office, VAFB

This is not a complete list of 2000 Air Force and major command awards. The majority of the major command awards were published in the March 16 issue of the Space & Missile Times. More award winners will be published by the 30th Space Wing Public Affairs office as they are received.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, COMMAND LEVEL AWARDS

DoD National Operations Security Award for Individual Achievement for Government Employees
Lt. Col. Bradley Ashley,
30th CS commander

Air Force Space Command Spectrum manager of the Year,
Tony Jordan,
30th CS



Master Sgt. Eladio Mercado, 30th Medical Group
AFSPC 2001 National IMAGE Inc. Meritorious award



576th Flight Test Squadron
Best test team in AFSPC



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Order's up!

30th Space Wing Commander Col. Robert M. Worley II, serves Jennifer St. Germaine during the quarterly birthday meal at the Breakers Dining Facility. Shrimp,

steak and chicken rounded out the first-class fare June 21 to celebrate the birthdays of Team Vandenberg's single members. Base commanders and first sergeants served as the wait staff.



Community Calendar

29 FRI The Family Support Center will hold a **Kids on the Move** program at 3 p.m. today at the center. The program is designed for children, ages 6 to 11, who are arriving or departing Vandenberg in the next three months. Each child will receive an individual package and participate in a discussion and activities. Contact the Relocation Assistance Program at 606-0801 for information and registration.

4 WED **Weekly nutrition classes** are held at the health and wellness center every Wednesday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Topics of discussion include; heart smart for cholesterol control, diabetic meal planning with carbohydrate counting and prenatal child nutrition or nutrition for health. Call 606-2221 for information.

Several Central Coast communities will host **Fourth of July events**, to include fireworks displays. At 11 a.m., **Lompoc** will open its annual Old Fashioned Fourth at Centennial Park at Cypress and H streets. The event will feature a performance by the Lompoc Pops Orchestra with Vandenberg's Master Sgt. Quinn Johnson singing. A children's parade and ice cream social will also be included in the festivities.

In **Santa Maria**, Vandenberg's Honor Guard will open ceremonies at the county fairgrounds. The fireworks display will begin at twilight at the football stadium across from the fairgrounds.

There will be a 30th Security Forces military working dog demonstration and a vehicle static display will be held at the **Santa Ynez High School** football stadium beginning at 4 p.m.

In **Solvang** at 11 a.m., the 30th Logistics Group commander will participate in a parade. Vandenberg's Honor Guard will open ceremonies for the fireworks display at 7 p.m.

In **Pismo Beach** at 8 p.m., the base's Patriot Voices will perform several patriotic songs and the honor guard will post the colors for the fireworks show at the pier.

The 30th Medical Group will hold an **Operation Baby Launch** at the base clinic auditorium July 9 at 5 p.m. Attendees will have an opportunity to learn about local hospital resources, TRICARE financial concerns, the family practice clinic and more. Attendees will receive a free formula kit and gifts and participate in a free raffle. For more information, call Capt. Jean Eagleton at 605-8254 or Nancy Sias at 606-8217.

The Vandenberg Officers' Christian Fellowship will hold a 4th of July barbecue for all officers who are interested in learning more about the group. The barbecue is from 3 to 6 p.m. at 623 Aspen St. in base housing. Officers who would like to be involved in fellowship and bible study with other base officers may attend. Families are welcome. For more information, call Col. Kenneth P. Van Sickle at 606-4315. To make reservations for the barbecue, call Capt. Mike Brantly at 606-3844.

The **Hispanic Heritage Month planning committee** meets in the services center Thursdays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. People do

5 THUR not have to be Hispanic to participate. For more information, call Master Sgt. Pablo Mendez at 606-6504 or Senior Airman Alexander Rodriguez at 606-1541, extension 3718.

The **Foundations to Parenting Class** meets at the health and wellness center Thursdays at 1 p.m. Current topics of discussion are misbehavior and effective parenting. For registration or information, contact Linda Bastine at 606-9958.

The **Adults Molested as Children support group** meets at the Behavioral Health Clinic every Thursday from 2:30 to 4 p.m. All AMAC discussions are held confidential. The group is limited to no more than six people in order to allow each survivor time to participate. Call Valerie Andersen or Julie Ramsey at 606-5338 for more information.

13 FRI The Lompoc Valley Chamber of Commerce Military Aerospace Committee, local merchants, and the Non-commissioned Officers' Association will hold a **free barbecue with all the trimmings** for all E-4s and below at Cocheo Park July 13 from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Active-duty members may bring their families to the event. Guests may bring their favorite music on CD. For more information, contact a first sergeant.

The Vandenberg Enlisted Action Team will hold a **free Hip Hop concert** at the base theater July 14 at 8 p.m. The event will feature Kid Official and Capadoniac. For more information, contact Airman 1st Class Richard Bugbee at 606-9236.

14 SAT The Air Force Association will hold their **annual charity golf tournament** July 20 at Marshallia Ranch Golf Course. Players may check-in for the event between 10:30 a.m. and noon. A putting contest will be held between 11:15 a.m. and noon. The tournament will begin with a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. The \$75 entry fee includes a barbecue, greens fees, a cart and beverages for the day. At 6 p.m., several prizes will be given away. All proceeds benefit AFA programs. To sign up, call Dick Kline at 733-0720, Larry Gooch at 347-9987 or Col. Mark Owen at 606-8856.

20 FRI The **Aerospace Engineering Department at Cal Poly** will offer courses this summer to students at Vandenberg. The summer session starts July 24. Courses available are: Advanced Aerospace Structural Analysis, Elements of Rocket Propulsion, Individual Study, Design Project and Thesis. Call the base education office at 605-5904 with questions. New students can go to www.ess.calpoly.edu/_admiss/ to apply for program admission. Students already accepted into the program can go to www.power.calpoly.edu to register.

24 TUES

AT THE MOVIES

Today KINGDOM COME

Starring L.L. Cool J and Jada Pinkett Smith. The best and the worst of the Slocumb family are on display when Woodrow "Bud" Slocumb keels over from a stroke. As the town swelters in the summer heat, family tensions reach a boiling point as the Slocumb clan comes together to remember their dearly departed. Rated PG.

Saturday ANGEL EYES

Starring Jennifer Lopez and James Caviezel. While pursuing a suspect one night, Officer Sharon Pogue nearly becomes the victim of a fatal ambush until a mysterious stranger named Catch intervenes, disarms the assassin and saves Sharon's life. A stroke of luck? A twist of fate? Maybe, but Sharon and Catch have met once before. Rated R.

Sunday THE TAILOR OF PANAMA

Starring Pierce Brosnan and Geoffrey Rush. British spy Andy Oswald may have been banished to Panama, but he's got a secret weapon, Harry, an ex-con who has reinvented himself as a tailor to the rich and powerful. Famous for his storytelling, Harry inadvertently sets off a chain of events that threatens Panama and everything he values in life.

July 6 SHREK

Starring Cameron Diaz and John Lithgow. Hideous green monster, Shrek, sets out on a quest to find his perfect wife, an equally ugly princess. Shrek terrifies everyone he meets during his adventures. Based on the picture book by William Steig. Rated PG.

July 7, 3 p.m. SHREK

July 7 WHAT'S THE WORST THAT COULD HAPPEN?

Starring Martin Lawrence and Danny Devito. Kevin and Max have made careers out of stealing: Kevin Caffrey is a professional thief with a taste for the finer things and billionaire Max Fairbanks is a ruthless businessman used to getting whatever he wants. Rated PG-13.

July 8 WHAT'S THE WORST THAT COULD HAPPEN?

All movies start at 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted.



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